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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS:OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 171243

1. STRONGLY URGE RECONSIDERATION OF THE DECISION THAT THE
SECRETARY'S PARTY STAY AT THE KING DAVID IN JERUSALEM
INSTEAD OF THE HILTON.

2. PURSUANT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S EARLIER INSTRUCTIONS,
WE HAVE HAD PRELIMINARY MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE HILTON MANAGEMENT AND THEY HAVE ALREADY UNDERTAKEN
MAJOR CHANGES IN PREPARATION FOR THE VISIT. AUGUST IS
AN EXTREMELY HEAVY MONTH FOR TOURIST TRAVEL IN JERUSALEM
AND WE HAVE EXPENDED CONSIDERABLE CAPITAL IN PREVAILING
UPON THE HILTON TO MAKE THE NECESSARY 90 ROOMS AVAILABLE
FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED WITH
THE VISIT. WE WOULD FIND IT EMBARRASSING AT
THIS POINT TO BE REQUIRED TO CHANGE TO THE
KING DAVID, AND IT IS LIKELY THAT THE HILTON,
WITH ITS AMERICAN OWNERSHIP, WOULD PROTEST IN
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WASHINGTON AS WELL AS HERE.

3. THE MFA HAS INDICATED TO US SEVERAL TIMES
ITS PLEASURE THAT THE PARTY WOULD BE AT THE
HILTON, POINTING OUT THE IMPROVEMENT IN
SECURITY MEASURES AND THE EASE OF VEHICLE
MOVEMENTS FROM THE HILTON RATHER THAN THE

KING DAVID.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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